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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R §§ 1.56 and 1.97,
applicants wish to call the attention of the Examiner to the
following documents:

U.S. Patent Documents

Kaster	4,366,819	(01/04/83)
Kaster	4,368,736	(01/18/83)
Kaster et al.	5,234,447	(08/10/93)
Kaster et al.	5,366,462	(11/22/94)
Schenck	5,486,187	(01/23/96)
Snow et al.	5,797,933	(08/25/98)
Barra et al.	5,814,005	(09/29/98)
Gifford, III et al.	5,817,113	(10/06/98)
Quiachon et al.	5,957,973	(09/28/99)
Bolduc et al.	5,976,159	(11/02/99)

Foreign Patent Documents

PCT	WO 99/62408	(12/09/99)
PCT	WO 99/62415	(12/09/99)

These documents are listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449 (submitted in duplicate), and copies are enclosed herewith.

Some of the documents listed in this Statement were first cited by a foreign patent office in applications of another from which claims were recently copied into this application (see the "Notification Pursuant To 37 C.F.R. § 1.604(b)" in applicants' recently filed "Supplemental Amendment And Notification Pursuant To 37 C.F.R. § 1.604(b) Identifying Published Patent Applications From Which Claims Have Been Copied"). The following identifies each application from which claims have been copied into this application. For each application from which claims have been copied, the following further identifies the references in the International Search Report for that application that are associated with the claims that have been copied. A copy of the International Search Report for each application is also enclosed herewith.

WO 01/70118

Quiachon et al.	5,957,973
Lazarus	5,275,622*

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Kaster et al.	5,234,447
Gifford, III et al.	5,817,113

Consideration of the foregoing in relation to this patent application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

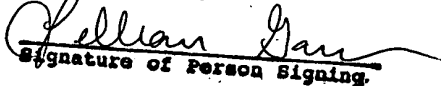


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